



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 24, 2015**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Agenda Item # 11

SUBJECT: Receive an update from the City/LASD Public Lands Committee

BACKGROUND

At the April 30, 2015 City of Los Altos/Los Altos School District Schools subcommittee meeting, a discussion regarding the agenda item “Public Land footprint and joint use” occurred. Subsequently, on May 12, 2015, the City Council approved the establishment of an ad hoc Committee and appointed Mayor Pepper and Mayor Pro Tem to represent the City on this four-member Committee. The overall purpose of the ad hoc Committee is to look at all public land within the incorporated boundaries of the City and have a discussion regarding joint use of these public lands for the benefit of both the City and LASD. The City Council stipulated that the Hillview Park portion of the Civic Center site would be exempt from consideration.

EXISTING POLICY

Committee participation approved by Council on May 12, 2015

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

May 12, 2015; and June 9, 2015

DISCUSSION

The ad hoc committee has met on six occasions: May 20, June 10, July 8, July 22, August 11, and September 9, 2015.

The purpose of the Committee was amended on June 10 as follows: “To work together for the potential siting of a 10th school on LASD owned or Los Altos City owned land for the purpose of optimizing use of public lands in addressing enrollment growth.”

Topics covered to date have included review of existing LASD sites, overview of facilities needed for a school, and lease/purchase of public lands. Additionally, development of criteria to evaluate each potential site was completed, but ultimately, the resulting matrix did not prove to be as useful as anticipated. The services of an outside facilitator are being utilized.

After review and discussion of the potential sites, the Committee identified three sites for which staff would prepare initial potential site layouts and circulation plans: Covington (two schools), Egan (two schools), Civic Center (one school – in the northern portion of the site). LASD and City staff met in September 2015 and discussed the opportunities and challenges at each site of these three sites. Based upon that meeting, the LASD architect is developing site layouts for further staff review. Once all of these materials are received and staff has the opportunity to review them, provide comment, and have a follow-up discussion with LASD staff, a meeting with the ad hoc Committee will be scheduled.

The City’s representatives on this ad hoc Committee may provide additional information regarding the Committee, its efforts to date and next steps.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Posting of the meeting agenda serves as notice to the general public.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

None

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

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ALTERNATIVES

None identified

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ATTACHMENTS: None